

Claim 12, line 13, please delete "an" and substitute --a-- therefor.

Claim 14, line 13, please delete "an" and substitute --a-- therefor.

Claim 16, line 14, after "by", please insert "a temperature measuring unit of".

REMARKS

The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to clarify the translation. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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